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\$210,000 Settlement Reached with Southern California Edison Company, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station

Sacramento --- The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced a \$210,000 settlement with Southern California Edison for hazardous waste violations at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station located at 5000 Pacific Coast Highway in San Clemente.

The settlement stems from Southern California Edison's failure to establish and demonstrate current valid financial assurance during the period of January 16, 2001 through March 12, 2002 to cover closure costs and third-party liability for their waste storage area at the San Onofre facility.

In California, financial assurance such as an insurance policy or trust account is required by law. The requirement ensures money will be available to properly fund closure of the hazardous waste facility at the proper time, and pay for third party liability claims that may arise from operation of the facility.

A copy of the Consent Order (Order), which formalizes the settlement, is available on the DTSC Web site at http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/San_Onofre/index.html.

Under terms of the Order signed on March 25, 2004, Southern California Edison will pay a total of \$210,000 of which \$139,506 is penalties, \$23,992 is reimbursement of costs incurred by DTSC, and \$46,502 is for the Environmental Enforcement and Training Account.

The Environmental Enforcement and Training account provides a supplemental source of funding for environmental enforcement and training programs for public prosecutors, peace officers, firefighters, and local and state environmental regulators. The account also supports the Circuit Prosecutors Project, a joint partnership of the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California District Attorneys Association, and the Department of Fish and Game, and provides environmental prosecutors to small counties that otherwise would not have such resources. This support for local prosecution efforts advances fair and uniform enforcement of environmental laws throughout the state.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.